

Eco-Schools Action Plan Scalloway Primary School

Eco-Schools Topic :

**WASTE MINIMISATION**

Date Range of this Plan: February- September 2013 - June 2014

**UPDATE 23.6.14**

Our overall aims for this Topic are: To raise awareness of the amount of waste a school/community dumps and try and reduce it

Action	Who's in Charge?	When will it be done by? (If ongoing, when did it start?)	How can we monitor it?	How will we know when we're successful?	How much will it cost?	Did it work? Any ideas for the future?
Carry out another waste challenge in the canteen to see if we have reduced our waste. At the eco-committee meeting in May 2013 the pupils voted to do this action during the next school year. This year we will send out a note to all parents to be mindful of the packaging they send into school in packed lunches/snacks	Eco-committee With help from Jane Outram at the Shetland Amenity Trust	Week of 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 from Mon to Thursday of that week	Record amounts collected. Photographic evidence. Compare waste totals with last November's totals.	Increased awareness of recycling - whole school involvement. Continued awareness of waste being produced - leading to composting in the long term.	No cost except notes home to ask parents to be mindful of the amount of packaging they put in their child's bag.	The results showed that the PACKAGING waste has increased. The committee voted <u>unanimously</u> on 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb to inform parents that their children's waste will have to go home with them.
Carry out another BURWICK BEACH REDD UP	Julie Jamieson classroom assistant	May 2014	We will compare the amounts of rubbish we collect this year against last year's.  See our BURWICK	Hopefully we will collect less rubbish than last year and especially mussel pegs.	No cost	It was very hard work. We had more adult volunteers this year from a local councillor to a local children's writer. Shetland Amenity Trust, SEPA and RSPB volunteers came to assist. The local people and parents gave lots of time and support. We helped

			REVISITED display board for more details of what we actually found.			with the national <i>mermaid's purse</i> and the <i>gun cartridge</i> surveys. We also found lots of mussel pages so more work needs to be done on this.
Email newsletters and mail to parents instead of sending home lots of communications on paper which costs more resources in time and money to the school and the environment. Eco committee members to check with Mrs Adamson what stage this initiative is at.	Mrs Fox will speak to Mrs Adamson in the office.  We need to get parents' email addresses and their agreement. We need to have a list of parents who can receive emails and those that can't.	Set up from term 1 or 2	We can ask Mrs Fox and Mrs Adamson if they need our help - we could write a letter? We can see how many parents 'sign up' for this.	We will hopefully have a high number of parents willing to receive letters and communications by email.	It will cost some <u>time</u> to set up but be a cost saver in the future.	This is happening now as a matter of course. A real success that we will continue to do.
Learn about what happens to our rubbish when we throw it away. How long does it stay in the environment? We can ask if we can put up a display in a location in the community, such as the hall/museum/church/Williamson's window/the youth centre 1. Jane will come in and do two assemblies. 2. Mrs Mainland will ask Mrs Kelly, the art teacher, if she can devote any time to art work for	With help from Jane Outram at the Shetland Amenity Trust	When Jane can come in term 3. Some classes did this last year (P2/3, P3/4 and P5) and this year we would like some other pupils to have the chance to do a workshop and then set up a	We will be successful if we can get our message across to the wider community.	The pupils will help the rest of the school and the local community to understand about what happens to our rubbish.	Paper and printing/photo copying.	

<p>the display.</p> <p>3. Eco committee members will contact the people in the community to ask where we can place our display.</p>	<p>On 17.3.14 the eco committee will meet again and bring their ideas to the meeting.</p>	<p>display in the community.</p>				
<p>Carry out another REDD UP on BURWICK BEACH.</p> <p>P3 - P7 and lots of adult helpers.</p> <p>Julie will be contacting a wider range of individuals this year to come and help/raise awareness for this issue of marine generated bruck.</p> <p>SEPA Shetland Amenity Trust Local councillors Local press BP Total</p>	<p>Julie Jamieson Mrs Mainland</p>	<p>2.5.14</p>	<p>We will remind the pupils to collect mussel pegs to compare the number to last year's total. Hopefully after writing to the local mussel farming industry leaders and highlighting the problem to them, there will be fewer numbers this year.</p>	<p>We will clear the beach. We will find fewer mussel pegs this year.</p>	<p>Free of charge!</p>	<p>Yes! We can invite an even BIGGER group of adult helpers and raise awareness even wider a field, next year. ADOPT this beach and keep it as our cause.</p>
<p>Continue with our 'Rag Bag' Scheme/ collections. We have just had our second uplift of 20 bags and the money should be on its way. It is time to think of new ways to 'advertise' the RAGBAG scheme to enable us to keep collecting. Eco committee to come up with some new ideas.</p>	<p>Eco- committee Ms Willis to coordinate</p>	<p>By end of June 2014</p>	<p>P3/4 and Ms Willis will organise</p>	<p>The bags will be collected and go off island to be recycled.</p>	<p>No cost but will generate income</p>	

<p>23.6.14 Mrs Mainland to ask Miss Willis for the phone number so eco members can phone to have the bags uplifted</p>						
<p><b>BAG BACK SCHEME</b> encourage plastic bag recycling.</p> <p>Eco committee members will be responsible for coming up with a NEW way of encouraging people to GIVE AND TAKE bags.</p>	<p>Whole school</p>	<p>By end of June 2014</p>	<p>Eco committee will follow up on their ACTION point to see if there is a change in the contents of the container.</p>	<p>Parents/teachers/pupils will be in the habit of putting in and taking out of plastic bags as required.</p>	<p>No cost. We already have a collection bin donated by Shetland amenity Trust</p>	<p>This is ongoing and we need to remind teachers that the bags are available at the end of the school year when children are taking a lot of their work home.</p>
<p>Collection of plastic bottles for recycling. Introduce new aspect - purple bags in classrooms to 'catch' ALL plastic items brought to school such as yoghurt pots/drinks bottles.</p>	<p>Julie and Eco committee rota Alanoss will write a piece for the eco notice board about her visit to the landfill site and the plastic crushing facility.</p>	<p>By end of June 2014</p>	<p>We record the numbers of bottles collected from the bin in the corridor and in the staffroom.</p>	<p>All pupils and staff will be in the habit of recycling plastic.</p>	<p>No cost - just time!</p>	<p>There has been a difference this year in that the council no longer uplift the bottles in the purple bags and we have to walk down into the village to put them into the large bin.</p> <p><b>Positives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone is really good at putting their used bottles in the correct bin</li> <li>• We get lots and lots of bottles every week.</li> </ul> <p><b>NEGATIVES</b></p> <p>We were having to 'post' the bottles in through a tiny opening in the bin and it took a long time.</p>

						<p>Until recently we did not know that the purple bags SHOULD NOT BE USED because they're a different plastic. Unfortunately we were not told.</p> <p>We collect more bottles than we can keep up with for depositing at the bin in the village.</p> <p><b>SOLUTIONS</b></p> <p>We now have a special key from the council to open up the bin.</p> <p>We will have to make more frequent visits to the bin next year.</p> <p>We will empty the collection bags out and bin the bags in the ordinary rubbish bin.</p>
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